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Orange, June 2, 1871.

Dear Wife:

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It seems a little doubtful whether I shall go to Philadelphia or not; for on Monday last I wrote to Miss Brown that I would present myself at her residence to-morrow, (Saturday,) and remain there until the next Wednesday, if perfectly convenient to her. Not receiving any answer to my letter, I conclude either that she did not receive my letter, or, more probably, that she is absent from the city. Possibly, however, I may hear from her this evening, when Wendell returns from New York. If not, I think I shall remain here till Wednesday, and then go directly to Longwood. No doubt there are several persons in Philadelphia who would take pleasure in extending to me their hospitality; but I am not willing to make the experiment without a special invitation, and I so much dislike



stopping at a fashionable hotel (to say nothing of the expense) that I had rather forego my contemplated visit altogether. This I shall regret the less, because there is not the same unity of sentiment and feeling among old friends and co-workers as formerly prevailed.

Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Judd (who live just outside of the Park) spent a couple of hours with us. They are both thoroughly emancipated from the old theological bondage in which they were formerly held, and we had a mutually satisfactory interchange of views.

This morning Mrs. Judd came again, bringing with her Abby Patton, who is almost next to Fanny in my affection. She is here only for the day, and will return to New York in the morning. Her visit to us was very short, as she had other engagements. Her brother John W. Hutchinson and his family



gave a concert in Orange last evening,  
in aid of the Temperance cause.

I have just written a letter to Miss  
Dow, telling her that she will be expected  
at Rockledge on Friday evening next,  
by the Shore Line, and that she may con-  
fidently rely upon being met at the  
Roxbury depot by Frank or his proxy  
on her arrival. In case of her deten-  
tion until Saturday, (none is antici-  
pated, however,) Frank will please go  
to the depot for her that evening; but ~~if~~  
~~it~~ <sup>it</sup> should so happen <sup>is</sup> on either even-  
ing that no one ~~should~~ <sup>is</sup> be there to meet  
her, I have instructed her to ask the depot  
master to procure a carriage for her, and  
she will have no difficulty in getting to  
our house. Besides, she has travelled a good  
deal, and is abundantly able to take care  
of herself. No doubt she will start on Fri-  
day. Perhaps Frank had better have a car-  
riage sent from the Norfolk House.



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I have sent her seven dollars to defray her travelling expenses, as she is poor, and ought not to be pecuniarily burdened by such a long journey.

Should Ellie go to Auburn or elsewhere this summer, no doubt she would be not only willing but glad to let her sewing-machine remain at our house. In that case Miss Dow would be able to do a great deal of sewing for us and herself.

I am going this afternoon to the village with neighbor Green, to see Andrew Jackson Davis and his wife. The carriage is at the door, and I must stop.

The weather is still hot and dry, but superb. The Park is looking like a paradise. I wish you were here to enjoy it.

With the loving regards of all here to you all, I remain, dear wife,  
Yours, unendingly, W. L. E.